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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY HIGHLIGHTS: ETHIOPIA

REF BANGUI'S 1338

1. IN IMPROMPTU SPEECH AT OPENING OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA
CONSUMER GOODS EXHIBITION ON NOVEMBER 30, PRESIDENT BOKASSA
DISCUSSED ETHIOPIAN SITUATION AGAIN AND VEHEMENTLY CRITICIZED
MILITARY NOW IN POWER FOR EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE AND CRUELTY. HE
OFFERED ASYLUM FOR EMPEROR AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY IN CAR AND
CALLED ON UN RES REP TO TRANSMIT HIS OFFER TO UN FOR RELAY TO
PROPER AUTHORITIES. AFTER SPEECH WAS OVER, PRESIDENT CONTINUED
THIS THEME IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION SPECIFYING THAT EMPEROR CAN
LIVE IN ONE OF HIS LARGE VILLAS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY COULD
LIVE IN OCAM VILLAGE.

2. ON DECEMBER 3 BOKASSA SENT FOR UNDP RES REP HAMDY
AND TOLD HIM HE WAS SENDING DELEGATION TO NY 12/5 WITH 31 PLANE
TICKETS FOR EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE AND FAMILY FOR TRAVEL TO
BANGUI. MISSION WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF PLAN, INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND STATISTICS JEAN-PAUL MOKODOPO AND MINISTER
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OF TRANSPORTATION, CIVIL AVIATION AND AERONAUTICS HENRI-PAUL

BOUNDIO. HE ASKED HAMDY TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION IN
CAPACITY OF LOCAL UN REP. BOKASSA EXPECTS DELEGATION TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH SECGEN WALDHEIM, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION AND
ANYONE ELSE WHO COUOD BE HELPFUL IN ARRANGING ASYLUM IN
BANGUI. HE NOW PLANS OFFER HIS VILLA IN OUANGO TO EMPEROR AS
GIFT.
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